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## U. S. Awakens To Red Menace

### War For Religion Appears Essential

WASHINGTON—(NC)—While the European belligerents regard themselves for the expected onslaught, the world situation has changed materially from the Washington viewpoint. Nazism has fallen under the shadow of Communism and Stalin has taken the spotlight away from Hitler.

Washington, as a result, is becoming more "Communist conscious," not only as it watches the march of events in Europe but as it tries to uncover Communist activities in the United States.

The House investigating committee, which is trying to run down subversive movements, was ridiculed a year or more ago for stumbling into mere "red" nests. Now its hearings are getting wide interest.

Testimony to the effect that Communist organizations in this country are directly linked with Moscow and the International, naturally has aroused interest in the developments in Europe and the spread of Russian domination from the Black Sea to the Baltic. What it means is indicated by the report that in Poland, the Russian army, the relentless "liquidation" of priests and the suppression of religion go on as in the early days of the Bolshevik revolution in Russia itself.

## Protest Polish Priests' Slaying In Soviet Area

ALBANY, N. Y.—The "brutal and unprovoked" murder of Polish Catholic priests and the wanton destruction of Catholic churches in that part of Poland recently seized by Soviet Russia was protested Saturday in a telegram sent to President Roosevelt by the New York State Conference of Polish Clubs.

President Roosevelt was asked by the executive council of the Polish Clubs, which have a membership of nearly 100,000, to intercede in behalf of the Catholic clergy of that territory to prevent further bloodshed.

## Scout Chaplains Elect Fr. Vogt

The National Conference of Diocesan Scout Chaplains was held last week at Savannah, Ga. Forty-five of the 49 Dioceses with Scout Chaplains in the United States were represented at the Savannah Conference, October 11-12. Since the organization of the Scout Chaplains seven years ago, the number of Catholic Troops in the United States has grown from 300 to over 4,000 Troops.

At the Conference, the Rev. Joseph E. Vogt, of Rochester, was elected to the National Executive Committee of Catholic Scout Chaplains.

## Mexican Schismatic Priest Makes Submission To Church At Death

MEXICO CITY (NC)—The Rev. Julius Oliva Ramos, Mexican schismatic priest who for some time engaged in anti-Catholic activities in Mexico and the United States, died here fully reconciled with the Church.

Father Oliva left the Catholic Church in 1925 to join the schismatic Mexican Church. He conducted services for the schismatics of many Texan towns when the religious persecution in Mexico in 1929 forced him to leave Tepic, State of Nayarit. He returned to Mexico when the schism was revived. In the course of his apostasy he was affiliated with the Baptist and Presbyterian denominations as well as with the Spiritualists, although he had difficulties with the last group.

## Pope Contributes To War Relief

VATICAN CITY.—Badly-needed medical supplies have been provided for Polish refugees in Roumania, through a large sum His Holiness Pope Pius XII has made available for relief.

The Holy Father dispatched the money to His Excellency the Most Rev. Filippo Cortesi, Papal Nuncio to Poland, who is now resident in Bucharest, and to His Excellency the Most Rev. Andrea Casaroli, Papal Nuncio to Roumania. The Papal Nuncios have organized the work of assistance for the Polish refugees through the religious authorities of Roumania, render them spiritual and material help.

## College Students Poll On War Questions Set

NEW YORK (N. C.)—There will be held a National Catholic College Poll in all the Catholic institutions of higher learning throughout the United States October 24 under the auspices of America, Jesuit weekly review here.

One hundred and eighty-one colleges and universities in every section of the country have been invited to participate and 115,000 individual ballots have been sent out to the universities and colleges so that each student may check off his answers to the five questions proposed.

The five questions deal with the possible entry, though armed forces, of the United States into the European War. Particular emphasis is placed on the personal question of individual participation.

The participants are being asked to place "Yes" or "No" or "Don't Know" check against each of the following questions printed on the ballot:

Do you personally favor the entry of the United States, as an armed force, into the present European War?

Do you believe that the United States will eventually be drawn into military participation in the European War?

Would American intervention in the European War on the side of Great Britain and France lead to the creation of a stable peace in Europe?

Should there be a national referendum before the United States declares war and pledges to send American soldiers to engage in a European War?

## Knights Elect 3 From Here

With three Rochesterians on the Supreme Board, the Knights of Equity concluded their "most successful convention" with a banquet, Saturday evening in Powers Hotel. The Knights' annual convention was celebrated by the Rev. Rosy B. Murphy, on Sunday at Holy Family Church before leaving for home.

Elected to office were Father Murphy, national chaplain; Michael Ryan, supreme lecturer; and Arthur Costello, trustee, from Rochester. John F. Hagerty, of Buffalo was re-elected supreme St. Knight of the organization.

Other officers elected were: Supreme Vice St. Knight, John T. Ivers, Detroit, Supreme Secretary, James A. Cleary, Buffalo; Trustee, William E. Glass, Buffalo; Richard Dunphy, Detroit.

## Fr. James Gillis Returns To Radio Nov. 5 On NBC

NEW YORK.—The Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., editor of The Catholic World, will conduct a two-month series titled "Prophecy and Kings" during the nationwide Catholic Hour program over the NBC-Red Network, beginning Sunday, Nov. 5. The coming series will mark Father Gillis' return to radio.

Other on the Catholic Hour, heard each week at 6:00 p. m. EST, and produced under auspices of the National Council of Catholic Men in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company.

Father Gillis also is known as the author of the weekly syndicated article, "Surreal Corda," which appears on page 8 of the book, "False Prophets." He has spent some time in missionary work and for fourteen years travelled throughout the United States preaching to Catholics and non-Catholics in churches, schools, theaters, and even abandoned buildings.

## RED CANDIDATES RULED OFF N. Y. COUNCIL BALLOT

NEW YORK.—By a vote of 3 to 1, the Board of Elections has invalidated the nominating petitions of four Communist candidates for the City Council and directed that their names be removed from ballots. The petitions, the board contended, did not comply with the form required by the Election Law as amended this year by the Legislature.

## BELOVED PRELATE



MONSIGNOR M. J. LAVELLE

## N. Y. Prelate Dead At 83, Mourned Here

Death of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle, venerable Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York and rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Tuesday night caused genuine sorrow throughout the Diocese of Rochester.

The aged and distinguished Prelate was long a friend of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, who has served as a priest in the New York Archdiocese during Monsignor Lavelle's extended career at the Cathedral.

Bishop Kearney on retreat at Amiesville had not as yet returned when word of the Monsignor's death was received here.

Monsignor Lavelle died at the age of 83 in the Cathedral Rectory. At his bedside were the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York; two sisters, the Misses Agnes and Margaret Lavelle; two physicians and two members of the Cathedral staff. Besides his sisters, Monsignor Lavelle is survived by a brother, Francis.

Visited Here Often

He was well-known to His Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop Thomas F. Healy, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hart, G. who had greeted him on many occasions when he came for special church functions, often accompanying the late Cardinal Hayes.

Widely known as a friend of the poor and loved and esteemed by thousands of his own, and those of other faiths, Monsignor Lavelle had the rare opportunity of celebrating his sixtieth anniversary in the Holy Priesthood, last June 7. He had been a priest for 65 years.

Monsignor Lavelle had made his influence felt in all walks of life.

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## Bishop To Offer Mass For Success Of Mission Sunday

### Delegate Asks Added Giving

### Cites Missions Need Due To War

NEW YORK (NC)—An earnest request that a special offering be made this year to make the celebration of Mission Sunday on October 22 a success is voiced in a letter just received from His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Monsignor McDonnell himself spoke on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" program Sunday, describing modern missionaries as prototypes of Christ as "Teacher, Kind Physician and Understanding Friend."

Writing from Washington, Archbishop Cicognani said:

"With the near approach of Mission Sunday I desire to add my word of appeal on behalf of the Mission cause. The invitation to generous giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God has never been given particular attention during the present year. In so many lands just now, because of the crisis through which the world is passing, the gifts will be impossible which at other times were a firm support for Mission work. I earnestly request, therefore, that every effort be made during 1939 for the successful carrying out of the program for Mission aid which has been undertaken by the Propagation of the Faith.

"The medical phase of the mission apostolate is understood and appreciated not only by Roman Catholics but by everyone of the Christian churches working in foreign as well as home lands. Monsignor McDonnell declared in his radio address, 'The lepers of the twentieth century find only within the Church of Christ, the welcome and care necessary for their physical and spiritual well-being.'

Quoting from the Most Rev. Catholic Bishop of Pondicherry, India, on the devotion shown by the nursing Sisters abroad, Monsignor McDonnell said: 'The Sisters keep before their eyes the Crucifix of the First Red Cross. For it was stained red with the blood of the God-man. They minister like angels to the bodies and souls of the sick.'

As evidence of the work done by missionaries in the field of education, Monsignor McDonnell pointed to the famous University of Peking, China, and the University of Soerabaya, Java, and to the roadside schools, the primary and other.

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## INDIA PRELATES TO SPEAK HERE

Archbishop Lewis Mathias, D. D. of Madras, India, and the Most Rev. Monsignor Thomas F. Healy, Bishop of Rochester, will participate in the public novena in preparation for Mission Sunday.

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## Bishop Kearney's Appeal For 'Mission Sunday'

My dear People:

Next Sunday will be Mission Sunday. Throughout these parts of the Christian World where Divine Providence has spared men the horrors of war and the tinge of persecution, Catholics will be called upon to rally in the support of the most loved, whom we have sent into the mission field in prayer and propagate the Gospel as dear to us.

We in America have a tremendous responsibility. Happily, it is also an outstanding opportunity. The greater part of the burden of supporting the mission falls upon us. These noble army of men and women who have given themselves and all that they have to spread the Gospel of Christ look back to us from their meager quarters, confident that we will not fail them in their emergency. Our Holy Father certainly has had staggering problems cast before him since he ascended the chair of Peter. We are in a position to lighten his burden; at least, in the measure of his missionary program.

May I ask then at the collection next Sunday, the Diocese of Rochester will take its place in the front rank of those who are sensitive to their responsibility to take seriously the word of Christ: "Going therefore, teach ye all nations!"

I am sure that every wage earning Catholic can spare one dollar for a cause so dear to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ. The prayers of the Missionaries are worthy any sacrifice. Best wish of the grateful benediction of Our Lord Himself!

With a blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James E. Kearney,  
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

## Flays Red Use of Evil Books

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Salacious literature is the Communist's most effective weapon in the destruction of Americanism and religion, Edward A. Hayes, past National Commander of the American Legion, declared in an address before the seventh convention of the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Flaying the "stream of salacious and low literature" as the greatest danger to the morals of youth and the undermining of the American system, Mr. Hayes charged "the destructive force of obnoxious literature" had its most effective start in the hands of the Communist Party a quarter of a century ago.

"More magazine containing pornographic literature are published in the United States than in any other country on the face of the globe," Mr. Hayes asserted. "More than 100 of our magazines are banned as indecent in Canada."

"It is not because I am a Catholic that I speak thus, but because I am an American citizen," he warned that obscene literature is destroying not only the religious but the patriotic and moral stamina of youth, adding that it is the largest contributing factor to crime. To his hearers he said:

"You, as plain Americans citizens, not as adherents to any religious faith, have an obligation to stamp out this influence."

MISSION SUNDAY, Oct. 22

## NUNS PREPARE 30,000 POUNDS MEDICAL SUPPLIES

NEW YORK.—The Sisters, Daughters of Mary, Health of the Sick, who sort and pack the material for the Catholic Medical Mission Board, last year prepared about 30,000 pounds of valuable supplies for shipment to 80 religious communities conducting some 200 mission stations in all parts of the world.

Members of the community are preparing for their first mission foundations. Young women are being trained as nurse-doctors in the mission field at the Order's headquarters in upper New York State and at the Catholic Medical Mission Board here.

MISSION SUNDAY, Oct. 22

## Floods Damage Catholic Missions

PEKING.—Unbelievable misery has been caused in the Tientsin district by the floods in Hopei Province. Thousands of Chinese are reported drowned. The total of those rendered utterly destitute is estimated at between 500,000 and 600,000. In the wake of mere physical destruction stalk the grim spectres of famine and disease.

Most of Tientsin city was under water four to 10 feet deep. Electric light and telephone services have broken down. All normal means of communication between the tragic city and the outside world were cut off. The floods are reported to have done the worst Tientsin has seen in 80 years.

Mission activity is for the time being paralyzed. Swirling in Tientsin Cathedral the waters inundated the interior to six feet of water. The priest who went to take away the Blessed Sacrament had to make his way up the nave on raft. At the Haute Etages, college conducted by French Jesuits, considerable damage has been done to machinery and scientific instruments. Seminarians, orphan of the Holy Childhood and other institutions are being evacuated to Peking.

## Novena Closes Sunday Night

### India Bishop To Deliver Sermon

Catholics of Rochester will observe the Feast of Mission Sunday on October 22nd. Missionaries and devotees will take part of each parish's celebration in this feast. The Annual Membership Collection for the Propagation of the Faith will also be held on Sunday.

In the evening of October 21st, the public novena will close with the sermon of Archbishop Lewis Mathias, D. D. of Madras, India, and the Most Rev. Monsignor Thomas F. Healy, Bishop of Rochester, who will participate in the public novena in preparation for Mission Sunday.

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